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SAFETY AT LEVEL CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a seminar on 'Safety at Level Crossings' was held at New Delhi in the month of February, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held in the seminar and outcome thereof ;

(c) whether nearly 50 per cent of the rail accidents at manned crossings took place due to negligence of gate-men; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate training to the gate-men to act in such a manner that railway accidents could be avoided ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir. A seminar on safety at level crossings was conducted by Northern railway on 21.2.2000 in New Delhi..

(b) The seminar in question was culmination of directives regarding launching of a mass interaction campaign to arrest increasing spurt of level crossings accidents. In the seminar participants expressed their views on problems being faced by both railways and road users in maintaining/negotiating level crossings and suggested methods to reduce rail/road accidents at level crossings.

(c) Yes, Sir. With the increasing volume of rail and road traffic, sometimes gate-men find themselves helpless to close the gate in time due to pressure from road users.

(d) To keep their knowledge updated, gate-men are sent for periodical refresher training. Also only literate persons are posted to work as gate-men.